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2 **In the Claims**

3 Claims 1-26 are amended.

4 Claims 1-26 remain in the application and are listed below.

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6 1. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable storage media  
7 with computer-readable instructions encoded thereon, the computer-readable  
8 instructions implementing a [[A]] software architecture for installing an  
9 application on a local computing system, the software architecture comprising:

10 a component configured to obtain manifest metadata about the application  
11 for the purpose of installing the application on the local computing system; and

12 an application programming interface to access the component, wherein the  
13 application programming interface enables the application to be installed on the  
14 local computing system without a dedicated installation phase during which the  
15 application is unavailable for use.

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17 2. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable storage  
18 media of claim ~~software architecture recited in claim 1~~, wherein the component is  
19 further configured to retrieve from the manifest metadata a set of information  
20 sufficient to describe the application.

21 3. (Currently Amended) The one or more computer-readable storage  
22 media of claim ~~software architecture recited in claim 1~~, wherein the application  
23 programming interface receives a parameter that identifies the application.

24 4. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable storage media  
25 with computer-readable instructions encoded thereon, the computer-readable

1 instructions implementing a [[A]] software architecture for installing an  
2 application on a local computing system, ~~the software architecture~~ comprising:

3 a component configured to query the local computing system to determine  
4 whether a platform necessary to the application is present on the local computing  
5 system; and

6 an application programming interface to access the component, wherein the  
7 application programming interface enables the application to be installed on the  
8 local computing system without a dedicated installation phase during which the  
9 application is unavailable for use.

10 5. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in~~ one or  
11 more computer-readable storage media of claim 4, wherein the platform comprises  
12 one or more software modules upon which the application depends that are not a  
13 part of the application.

14 6. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in~~ one or  
15 more computer-readable storage media of claim 5, wherein the platform further  
16 comprises one or more software modules that cannot be installed as part of the  
17 installation of the application.

18 7. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in~~ one or  
19 more computer-readable storage media of claim 4, wherein the platform is  
20 identified in an application manifest associated with the application.

21 8. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in~~ one or  
22 more computer-readable storage media of claim 4, wherein the component is  
23 further configured to verify a version associated with the platform.  
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1 9. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
2 more computer-readable storage media of claim 4, wherein the component is  
3 further configured to abort the installation of the application if the platform is not  
4 present.

5 10. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
6 more computer-readable storage media of claim 9, wherein the component is  
7 further configured to return error information in conjunction with aborting the  
8 installation of the application.

9 11. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
10 more computer-readable storage media of claim 10, wherein the error information  
11 comprises identification information about which platform was not present on the  
12 local computing system.

13 12. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable storage media  
14 with computer-readable instructions encoded thereon, the computer-readable  
15 instructions implementing a [[A]] software architecture for installing an  
16 application on a local computing system, the software architecture comprising:

17 a component configured to determine whether the application is authorized  
18 for installation on the local computing system; and

19 an application programming interface to access the component, wherein the  
20 application programming interface enables the application to be installed on the  
21 local computing system without a dedicated installation phase during which the  
22 application is unavailable for use.

23 13. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
24 more computer-readable storage media of claim 12, wherein the determination of  
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1 the authorization comprises determining whether the installation of the application  
2 exceeds a trust level associated with a source of the application.

3 14. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
4 more computer-readable storage media of claim 12, wherein the determination of  
5 the authorization comprises determining whether the installation of the application  
6 violates a privacy policy associated with the local computing system.

7 15. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
8 more computer-readable storage media of claim 12, wherein the determination of  
9 the authorization comprises determining whether the installation of the application  
10 violates a license associated with the application.

11 16. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
12 more computer-readable storage media of claim 12, wherein the component is  
13 further configured to generate a set of authorization parameters for the application  
14 if the application is authorized for installation.

15 17. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in one or~~  
16 more computer-readable storage media of claim 16, wherein the set of  
17 authorization parameters comprises at least permission grants, privacy policy  
18 guarantees, and license keys.

19 18. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable storage media  
20 with computer-readable instructions encoded thereon, the computer-readable  
21 instructions implementing a [[A]] software architecture for installing an  
22 application on a local computing system, the software architecture comprising:  
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1 a component configured to determine if a version of the application already  
2 exists on the local computing system, and if not, to download at least one resource  
3 associated with the application from a remote location; and

4 an application programming interface to access the component, wherein the  
5 application programming interface enables the application to be installed on the  
6 local computing system without a dedicated installation phase during which the  
7 application is unavailable for use.

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9 19. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in~~ one or  
10 more computer-readable storage media of claim 18, wherein the resource is  
11 sufficient to launch the application.

12 20. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in~~ one or  
13 more computer-readable storage media of claim 18, wherein the component is  
14 further configured to replicate the application to a temporary storage location at  
15 the local computing system.

16 21. (Currently Amended) The ~~software architecture recited in~~ one or  
17 more computer-readable storage media of claim 18, wherein the component is  
18 further configured to commit the downloaded at least one resource to storage on  
19 the local computing system and is made available for binding.

20 22. (Currently Amended) One or more computer-readable storage media  
21 with computer-readable instructions encoded thereon, the computer-readable  
22 instructions implementing a [[A]] software architecture for installing an  
23 application on a local computing system, the software architecture comprising:

24 a component configured to execute the application on the local computing  
25 system after a successful determination that any necessary platform for the

1 application is present on the local computing system and sufficient resources to  
2 launch the application are present on the local computing system, the resources  
3 being associated with the application; and

4 an application programming interface to access the component, wherein the  
5 application programming interface enables the application to be installed on the  
6 local computing system without a dedicated installation phase during which the  
7 application is unavailable for use.

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9 23. (Currently Amended) ~~The software architecture recited in~~ one or  
10 more computer-readable storage media of claim 22, wherein the component is  
11 further configured to abort execution of the application if the application is not  
12 authorized for execution on the local computing system.

13 24. (Currently Amended) ~~The software architecture recited in~~ one or  
14 more computer-readable storage media of claim 22, wherein execution occurs in a  
15 secure execution environment.

16 25. (Currently Amended) ~~The software architecture recited in~~ one or  
17 more computer-readable storage media of claim 22, wherein execution occurs in a  
18 separate process from a calling entity responsible for the installation of the  
19 application.

20 26. (Currently Amended) ~~The software architecture recited in~~ one or  
21 more computer-readable storage media of claim 22, wherein execution occurs in  
22 the same process as a calling entity responsible for the installation of the  
23 application.  
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